

Church News.

FROM BRIDGEWATER, VA.

I am glad to say that our dear sister, Miss Laura E. N. Grossnickle came down here to Virginia, and preached and organized a "Sisters' Society for Christian Endeavor" at a number of our churches. She arrived at our place, Bethlehem, last Saturday, preached at 7:30 and on Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Her most interesting talk Saturday night was largely concerning the object of our Sisters' Societies; in what a number of ways much good may be derived from such societies, etc. After dismissing the congregation the names were obtained of thirty-nine persons who were willing to join the society. Sister Grossnickle preached most excellent sermons Sunday morning and Sunday night. Text Sunday morning was "For behold he prayeth." Acts 9:11. At the close of the evening sermon, before dismissing the congregation, she organized "Sisters' Society for Christian Endeavor" for the Brethren church with forty-three members, with the following named officers viz; president, Mrs. Lee Hammer; vice president, Miss Anna Koontz; secretary, Miss Emma Hall; treasurer, Miss Millie Koontz. The first meeting of the society will be held Saturday at 2 P. M. 9th inst. Sister Grossnickle says that out of the forty-one societies that she has organized, Bethlehem is the largest. And she says that we have the best singing at Bethlehem that she has heard anywhere in a Brethren church. Now believe me, I don't tell this egotistically, but that other churches may profit by her experience, and "get a hustle." We reorganized our S. S. Sunday at 3 P. M. with about one hundred enrolled. All of the last years' officers and teachers were reelected, but there were a few assistant officers and teachers added. We decided unanimously to use the Brethren literature. Since I have noticed any report from brother Jos. I. Hall, he has taken three young men in our number, one by baptism, and two from the German Baptist. Pray for us.

March 7.

LEE HAMMER.

FROM HUNTINGTON, IND.

Our meeting closed last evening with a full house, good interest and fourteen valuable additions; all are in the prime of life, with a promising future before them. That there will be a gradual ingathering seems very probable. Brother J. M. Rittgers, Brother Palmer and Brother Gordon each did their work well. We still desire an interest in your prayers in the care of the flock. Fraternally.

March 11.

R. K. BINKLEY.

FROM ROANN, IND.

I have no excuse to offer for delaying my contributions to the EVANGELIST. I have been doing all that I have been able to do. My revival work is now over and I hope to be able to discharge my duty in other directions more perfectly. My object in writing this hasty note is, that I may thank you personally for your editorial on "Pastors holding their own revivals." That was wholesome and timely advice. My prayer is that the churches may heed it. Of course there are lawful exceptions, but they are proofs for and not arguments against your method. My most successful revivals have been in my own congregations, not only in numbers, but in the increase of spiritual strength and life in the church. On the 3rd inst. we closed a very successful revival at Mexico, Ind. A report of which you may have on hand before this. This was our fourth protracted effort at that place. In interest, in attendance, in giving life and power to the members, and in accessions the last out-did them all. Result twenty-five additions to the church, four by relation and the rest by baptism. Eleven have been baptized and the others will be soon. Those acquainted with the circumstances of the Mexico church will know what a victory this work is for the Brethren church in Indiana. In conclusion I wish to congratulate you upon the good appearance of the EVANGELIST, both as to its new dress and its departments. I am both pleased and grateful. God bless and prosper you in the good work so well begun.

Fraternally,

March 12.

L. W. DITCH.

FROM WAYNESVILLE, MO.

The church at this place is progressing smoothly. We have preaching twice a month. Sabbath-school every Sunday at 10 A. M. Our school is growing in interest and as we are Bible alone believers we use nothing but the Bible in our school. We have very interesting prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening. When I came here first, a little over three years ago we found two members of the Brethren church in this county. At present we have eighteen members with fair prospects in the future. We invite any minister that is passing this way to stop off and pay us a visit. In answer to sister L. B. Edwards' request: Our church here is ninety miles from Springfield and I don't know that there is any church in southern Missouri any nearer than this. If there is any other question she would like to know I will freely answer it.

M. D. ROBERTS.

DUTIES are ours, events are the Lord's.

FROM TWELVE MILE, IND.

The community and brotherhood have been made to rejoice over the recent ingathering at this place. Elder J. H. Swihart, our regular pastor began a three weeks revival at the Corinth Brethren church on Sunday, Feb. 10, and closed March 3. It seemed like we were blessed with divine favors, during the entire meeting. We had good roads, favorable weather, good attendance and the best of order, and our pastor was favored with unusually good health. He preached a series of twenty-five sermons. His clear, perceptible manner of presenting the blessed word of God, resulted in bringing twenty-eight (28) accessions to our church at this place, twenty-seven by baptism, and one by relation. The majority of this number being young men. On Saturday, Feb. 23, the ice was removed from a convenient place in the creek near the church, and twenty-two brave soldiers of the cross were buried in baptism. None waited for a more convenient season, but were baptized soon after uniting with the church and taken in full fellowship. Five years ago our pastor was state Evangelist, being called here by brother H. C. Reed, (at that time Brother and Sister Reed, and Sister Dalzell being the only members of the Brethren church in this vicinity,) and now the church roll is almost a hundred. In the midst of rejoicing there was sadness of hearts. Brother and sister Lewis Smith mourned the loss of their infant son, Don Duane, Feb. 28. Funeral services conducted by Elder Swihart, Feb. 29 at 2 P. M., from Matt. 18:3.

Grieve not fond parents God knows best,
He can soothe thy troubled breast.
It is only "a part of his great plan,"
That sorrow is strewn all through life's strain.

The parting is sad, yes, that we know,
But you must endure for "God willed it so,"
And if you hope to meet again,
You must become as little Duane.

March 5.

J. E. THOMAS.

FROM NAPPANEE, IND.

At a special meeting held by our class, I was chosen correspondent to the EVANGELIST, in the interest of the church work at this place. Rev. S. J. Harrison began a revival meeting here Feb. 15, and closed March 3. There were nine received into the church—six by baptism, two by letter and one by relation. The meetings were well attended, and there was a great interest shown by the people, not only by our church, but by other denominations. The brother leaves with the God speed of the community at large. Hoping you will deem this epistle worthy of notice, I will now close and will again, in the near future, attempt to report.

MISS CORA CULP.